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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT: Travel Branch - Security Aspects

1. Security considerations which prompted the establishment of the current Travel Branch, OSA, practice of purchasing tickets from a cleared travel agency include the following:

- a. Control and protection of information which would identify or associate Project personnel, both official and contractor, with CIA;
- b. Control and protection of information which would indicate unusual CIA/Project interest in certain geographical locations;
- c. Control and protection of information which would indicate in gross amounts the sums spent for Project travel which could reveal a magnitude of Project operations.

In my opinion, these considerations are still valid.

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[redacted] Security Staff, SPS, have advised that their respective offices depend upon the security control effected by Travel Branch's current procedures. Both requested that they be alerted immediately should any change be contemplated. They were informed that no change is being considered at this time.

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4. Attached is a memorandum dated 29 April 1966 which may be of interest to your office.

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Chief, Security Staff
OSA

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